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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
 - (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
 - (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.

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Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- **VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DAVID HILLIARD

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

13106 Kumar Road

Woodbridge, VA 22193

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

VS.

TERM, 2014

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK)

: NO.

30TH & Market Streets, 2nd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19104

: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

- 1. The Plaintiff herein, David Hilliard, a citizen and resident of the State of Virginia, residing at 13106 Kumar Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193.
- 2. The action arises under the Act of Congress, April 22, 1908, c. 149, 35 Stat. 65, and amendments thereto, U.S.C.A. Title 45, Sec. 51 et seq., and further amended by the Act of Congress, approved by the President of the United States on August 11, 1939, Chapter 685 First Session of the 76th Congress, known and cited as "The Federal Employers' Liability Act", and under "The Federal Safety Appliance Act", Title 45, U.S.C.A., Sec. 1-16 inclusive and under "The Federal Boiler Inspection Act", Title 45, U.S.C.A., Sec. 22-34, inclusive.
- 3. Defendant, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Amtrak"), is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and which regularly does business in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- 3. All the acts alleged to have been done or not to have been done by the Defendant were done or not done by the Defendant, its agents, servants, workmen and/or employees acting in the course and scope of its employment for and on behalf of the Defendant.
 - 5. At all time material hereto, Plaintiff was employed by Defendant.
- 6. All of the property, equipment and operations involved in the accident herein referred to were owned by an under the control of the Defendant, its agents, servants and/or employees.

- 7. As a result of the accident herein referred to, plaintiff has suffered a loss and impairment of earnings and earning power and will suffer the same for an indefinite time in the future; has undergone great physical pain and mental anguish and will undergo the same for an indefinite time in the future; has been obliged to undergo extensive medical care and may have to continue to expend large sums of money in the future in an effort to treat his injuries; and has been unable to attend to his usual duties and occupation and will be unable to attend to the same for an indefinite time in the future, all to his great detriment and loss.
- 8. The accident herein referred to was caused solely and exclusively by the negligence of the defendant, its agents, servants and/or employees, and was due in no manner whatsoever to any act or failure to act on the part of the plaintiff.
- 9. On or about April 9, 2014, and for some time prior thereto, Plaintiff was employed by Defendant, Amtrak as a equipment operator and on that date in the performance of his duties he was caused to sustain the serious, permanent and painful personal injuries, more particularly hereinafter described when, he was struck by an Amtrak train while working in the vicinity of 42 track in the Washington Terminal, Plaintiff was caused to sustain serious injuries due to the negligence and carelessness of the Defendant, by not protecting him from known dangers. As a result, Plaintiff sustained severe personal injuries hereinafter described.
- 10. 49 CFR 214.315 and Amtrak RWP Rule 315 provide that when assigned duties require fouling a track, an RWP briefing must be provided prior to starting any work.
- 11. The Amtrak workers failed to document a new On Track Safety Briefing prior to commencing work.
- 12. Under 49 214.329 and Amtrak RWP Rule 329, watchmen assigned to provide train approach warning shall devote full attention to detecting the approach of trains and communicating a warning.
- 13. Watchmen Evans failed to devote full attention to detecting the approach of trains because he was engaged in conversation with the Foreman Jones and had his back to the train movement. Foreman Jones failed when he engaged in conversation with the Watchmen under live track conditions.

- 14. Under 49 214.329 and Amtrak Rule 329, watchmen are required to signal the approach of a train or equipment by sounding an audible warning and raising an orange disc or approved light at arm's length above the head.
- 15. When it is safe to resume work, the watchmen must lower the orange disc or approved light horizontally at arm's length toward the point of work, hold the position momentarily, then lower to rest position.
- 16. Watchman Evans failed to sound an audible warning by using his whistle and did not exercise his right to refuse when he did not have an air horn.
- 17. Watchman Evans failed to signal a train was approaching because his back was to the train on the reverse shove movement.
- 18. Under 49 214.329 and Amtrak's Rule 329, when noisy machinery or equipment is in use or outside noise may interfere with detecting train approach warning, a tap man/lookout or other precautions must be taken. Foreman Jones failed to place a tap man due to the noisy environment.
- 19. Under 49 214.329 and Amtrak's Rule 329, watchmen working at night must be issued a warning whistle, approved white light, an air horn and a watchman's vest. Watchman Evans failed to exercise his right to refuse when he did not have all the watchmen equipment required to do the job safety. Watchman Evan claims Foreman Jones placed him as a watchman after he requested an air horn, and failed to secure the proper watchmen equipment before placing the Watchman.
- 20. NORAC Rule 133 states that whenever Form D line 4 is issued to remove a track from service, the following procedures will apply: (c) (3) A track barricade or flagman at a designated location. Foreman Jones failed to apply a track barricade.
- 21. Under 49 214.353 and Amtrak's Rule 353, roadway workers who provide for on track safety through the establishment of either working limits by exclusive track occupancy, foul time, or train approach warning must have the current qualifications for Operating Rules (NORAC), Physical Characteristics and Roadway Worker Protection.

- 22. Foreman Jones failed this requirement as his Operating Rules Training and Physical Characteristics were out of date. Supervisor James Brown failed to ensure that Foreman Jones was requalified Operating Rules and Physical Characteristics. This was reviewed by Foreman Jones and Supervisor Brown at the Semi-Annual review dated 03/04/2014.
 - 23. The negligence and carelessness of the Defendant consisted of the following, inter alia:
 - a) Failing to provide Plaintiff with a safe place to work;
 - b) Failing to provide Plaintiff with a working area which was not defective;
 - c) Failing to provide Plaintiff with equipment which was not defective;
 - d) Failing to warn Plaintiff of the existence of said dangerous condition;
 - e) Failing to make the work area reasonable safe for working condition;
 - f) Failing to maintain said area in a condition which would protect and safeguard the Plaintiff;
 - g) Failing to provide safe methods and procedures;
 - h) Failing to correct the dangerous conditions existing thereon;
- 24. The aforesaid accident was caused by the negligence of the defendant, its agents, servants and/or employees, and by defendant's violation of "The Federal Employers' Liability Act", and was due in no manner whatsoever to any act or failure to act on the part of the plaintiff.
- 25. As a result of the aforesaid, Plaintiff suffered severe injuries to his internal organs, his head, neck upper extremities, torso and lower extremities. Plaintiff has been advised that some or all of the above may be permanent in nature.
- 26. As a result of the aforesaid, Plaintiff has and may hereafter incur a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which prevents Plaintiff from performing all or substantially all of the material acts and duties which constitute his usual and customary daily activities.
- As a result of the aforesaid, Plaintiff has and may suffer a severe loss of his earnings and impairment to his earning capacity and power.
 - 28. As a further result of the negligence of the Defendant, the Plaintiff has undergone great

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physical pain and mental anguish and will continue to endure the same for an indefinite time in the future,

all to his great detriment and loss.

29. As a further result of the aforesaid, Plaintiff has been obliged to undergo extensive medical

care and treatment for these injuries which he has been bill, and he may be obliged to continue to expend

large sums of money for the same purposes for an indefinite time in the future, all to his great detriment and

loss.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, David Hilliard, claims of the Defendant, a sum in excess of ONE

HUNDRED and FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00).

KELLER & GOGGIN, P.C.

By:

JAMES M. DUCKWORTH, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: November 24, 2014

VERIFICATION

I, James M. Duckworth, Esquire, have read the foregoing. The statements herein are correct to the best of my personal knowledge, information and/or belief. This statement and verification is made subject to the penalties relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities, which provide that if I knowingly make false averments, I may be subject to criminal penalties.

/S/James M. Duckworth, asquire

DATED:

November 24, 2014

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

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Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction:				
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Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?	Yes□ No ✓			
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5. □ Patent	5. □ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury			
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I, James M. Duckworth		, counsel of record do hereby certify:			
✓ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.3	2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of n	y knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil			
action case exceed the sum of \$150,000	0.00 exclusive of interest and costs;				
□ Relief other than monetary dama	nges is sought.				
DATE: November 21, 2014	James M. Duckworth	83017			
	Attorney-at-Law	Attorney I.D.#			
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except as noted above.					
DATE: November 21, 2014	James M. Duckworth	83017			
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APPENDIX I

CIVIL ACTION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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